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Admiral's Call: Chaplain Darold Bigger

CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

CDR Chuck Roots, CHC, USNR, received the Reserve Officer Association's (ROA) "Chaplain of the Year" award at the Fall Convocation of the organization. Presented by the Association's president, I was privileged to stand beside Chaplain Roots as he was honored in front of several hundred colleagues and guests, including Vice Admiral Cotton, Director of the Naval Reserve, and Chuck's wife, Isaura, and brother and sister-in-law.

A former Marine, Chaplain Root now pastors the Ripon, California Free Methodist Church. Mobilized to Camp Pendleton by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and later deployed to the Gulf, he has not spent much time in Ripon this past year. He served admirably in Kuwait, Iraq and Djibouti, Africa and received both the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal for his work. His optimism and sense of humor are seen in the regular columns he sent to the Ripon newspaper reporting on the good things our service members were doing and also in his e-mail ID, "roots66"! He returned home on leave in February, but soon will redeploy with his Marines in continued support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Chaplain Roots (second from left) is presented the ROA Chaplain of the Year Award by left to right) Rear Admiral Darold Bigger, Colonel Jack Marcom, and Rear Admiral Robert Merrilees



Chaplain Roots and Isaura with General Richard Meyers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Chaplain Roots represents the many reservists who have done outstanding service throughout the years. Whether deployed or assigned INCONUS, mobilized or in part-time status, we are honored by and very proud of you all. Every day you are living the Chaplain Corps motto, "Called to Serve" (*Vocati ad Servitum*), and we are grateful.

Darold Bigger

Demobilization Debrief

Reserve Chaplains and RPs mobilized to the Gulf and now back in the States were invited to a weekend retreat sponsored by MARFORRES. Held near historic Natchez, Mississippi, the gathering offered an opportunity to be restored and rejuvenated after months of rigorous service.

In addition plenary sessions, CREDO-trained facilitators met with sub-groups each day. Attendees were grateful for the chance to share their reflections with others who understood what they had experienced.

While the group was housed in the historic district of this Mississippi River city, many of the sessions took place outside town in a beautifully restored plantation house. The owner provided the site free of charge as an expression of his appreciation and support for our chaplains and RPs.

Lessons learned will help both active and Reserve component planning and execution of both present and future mobilizations.

Note: If you are interested in being considered for early mobilization and have not yet indicated that to our New Orleans staffs,



RP break-out session at the Demobilization Debrief



Admiral Darold Bigger (front row third from left), CAPT Moses Stith (front row fourth from left), RPCM Matthew Bremer (last row second from left) and MARFORRES attendees at the Demobilization Debrief, Natchez, Mississippi



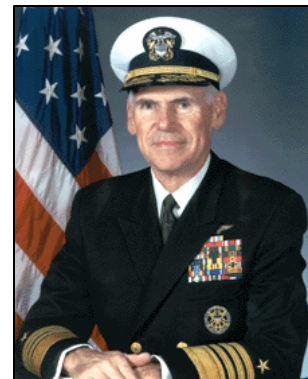
The Plantation House just outside Natchez, Mississippi, site of the Demobilization Debrief

Active and Reserve Forces Integration

Arguably the biggest issue in the Navy today is the integration of active and Reserve forces. The Chief of Naval Operations has tasked Admiral William J. Fallon, Commander, Fleet Forces Command, with this force integration effort which will affect all of us who serve in the United States Navy and naval Reserve. In his introduction to a key article by Admiral Fallon in the January edition of *The Naval Reservist*, Vice Admiral John Cotton said the following about the significant transition currently underway in the Navy:

The Navy must take ownership of its Reserve force. Our military's current force structure was designed to combat a Cold War era enemy that no longer exists. Today's enemies are smaller, more difficult to identify, and aggressively apply asymmetric tactics. To win the Global War on Terrorism, we need to rapidly transform and become a more flexible service with surge capability. We also need to recapitalize our fleet to take advantage of new technologies that will enable us to defeat our nation's enemies overseas, so we do not have to fight them at home.

The entire text of Admiral Fallon's question and answer session on the integration of active and reserve forces can be found in the January online edition of *The Naval Reservist*. This is a *must* read for all naval Reserve personnel. See also the article, "Integrate Your Reserves," in the December 2003 edition of *Proceedings*.



Admiral William J. Fallon
Commander, Fleet Forces
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Admiral William J. Fallon, USN

New Vocabulary for 2004

Out With the Old

TAR (Training and Administration of Reserves)
USNR(TAR) (enlisted designation)
USNR-R (ready reserve designation)
PCS (Peacetime Contributory Support)
RLO (Reserve Liaison Officer)
Naval Reserve Requirements
Naval Reserve Goals
Naval Reserve Skills
Naval Reserve Equipment
New Orleans Reserve "Tri-staff"

In With the New

FTS (Full-time Support per Title 10)
USNR
USNR (this change was actually made years ago)
OS (Operational Support)
OSO (Operational Support Officer)
Navy Requirements
Navy Goals
Navy Capabilities
Navy Equipment
Naval Reserve Forces Command (1 staff)

Important Items from VADM Cotton

In an ongoing effort to ensure everyone understands our mission, goals and priorities — and has the most current communication points available — the following is provided by VADM Cotton's office. This information is continued from the previous edition of Reserve Religious Ministry Newsletter.

Correct references/terminology

We provide **Operational Support**, no longer do we provide Peacetime Contributory Support

We provide **“presence with a purpose”**

“Supported Commands” vice Gaining Commands

“TAR” – is always referred to as **Full Time Support (FTS)** — this term means something to congress

“Naval Power 21” vice Sea Power 21.

“Alignment” vice Re-Alignment. New Orleans HQ staff alignment—there are no longer three staffs (CNRFC, CNRFC, CNAFR), but are now all one staff, under CNRFC. The prior air staff are referred to as the Air Reserve Tycom or the Air Component - Strike the term **“Tri-Staff.”**

Questions to Ponder

Are you in the Navy or Naval Reserve?

As part of the Total Force, One Navy concept, we are all members of the United States Navy.

Is what's good for the Naval Reserve good for the Navy or vice versa?

Since we are all in the Navy, what is

good for the Navy is good for the Naval Reserve

Are you committed to support the Fleet? (Particularly for SELRES) How many days per month are you in the Navy?

24/7/365! If anyone ever asks you what your next tour will be...always have an answer ready...and always strive for command first, next and always.

Soon you'll see the titles of some Reserve component commands changed so that, in all cases, the word **“Reserve”** **is at the end of the title...**(i.e. Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve (CNAFR))

Know your Naval and Naval Reserve history – It's important to everyone that we know our heritage, where we've been, where we are going.



Vice Admiral John G. Cotton
Commander, Naval Reserve
Forces Command

VADM Cotton's reading list

- *“Who Moved My Cheese?”*
- *“Execution”*
- *“The Power of Alignment”*

Naval Power 21 Review (3 pillars & ForceNet)

- **Sea Strike** – Project Precision Power to Support Joint Forces
 - Dominant & decisive power
 - Networked ISR for knowledge superiority
- **Sea Shield** – Project Defense for Joint Battlefield
 - Projecting defensive global power
 - Extend homeland security via forward presence (*cont'd page 5*)

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- Ensure access via littoral dominance
- Protect joint forces and allies ashore
- **Sea Basing** – Exploiting Our Advantage at Sea
 - Command & control, Fire support, Logistics
 - Extends naval advantages to the joint team
 - 70% of the earth's surface as joint maneuver space
- **ForceNet** – Knowing First and Acting First
 - Integrates Warriors, sensors, networks, command and control, platforms and weapons into a networked, distributed combat system, scalable across the spectrum of conflict from seabed to space and sea to land.

Additional Definitions

- **Carrier Strike Groups (CVSG)**
Formerly known as the carrier battle group, this slimmed-down version includes one aircraft carrier with embarked airwing, three surface combatants (a combination of cruiser, destroyers and frigates), one submarine and logistics ship.
- **Expeditionary Strike Groups (ESG)**
A bulked-up version of the

former three-ship amphibious ready group, the ESG consists of one amphibious assault ship, one dock landing ship, one amphibious transport dock, one embarked Marine expeditionary unit, three surface combatants, one submarine and shore-based aircraft. Most, but not all, deploying amphibious groups will be ESGs.

- **Expeditionary Strike Force (FSF)**
A combination of CVSGs and ESGs that work together should the need arise.
- **Surface Strike Group (CSG)**
Formerly called surface action groups, late deployers and early deployers. These three ship groups do not deploy at the same time as the CVSG, although they are under its operational control. The first SSG will deploy with the Enterprise CVSG.
- **Missile Defense Surface Action Group**
Three Aegis ships, either cruisers or destroyers.
- **Maritime Prepositioning Groups**
A combination of Maritime Prepositioning Force, Combat Logistics Force and high-speed intra-theater lift. These include Military Sealift Command Ships.

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Stories of Deployed RMTs

Newspapers around the country have carried stories of deployed Religious Ministry Team members.

Chaplain Matthew Clark in *The Times Picayune*

Father Matthew Clark was the subject of a story in *The Times Picayune* of New Orleans on December 4, 2003. Karen Baker, contributing writer, described what it was like for Chaplain Clark during his five and a half months in Kuwait. He served as the Catholic Chaplain to about 5,000 personnel at Camp Fox, Marine Logistics Base — and ministered at seven other bases as well — providing spiritual support to those dealing with the emotional challenges of war and the hostile environment of the “indescribable” desert. Father Clark is the Director of Development at the Saint Joseph Abbey north of Covington, Louisiana.

Chaplain Chuck Roots in *The Modesto Bee*

The Modesto Bee carried an article about Chaplain Chuck Roots. Written by Michael Doyle of the Bee Washington Bureau, the piece focused on Chaplain Roots' recognition as the recipient of the Reserve Officer's Association Chaplain of the Year Award. Chaplain Roots was recalled to the I Marine Expeditionary Force and recently served in Camp Lamonier, Djibouti. There he developed a unique orphanage program in addition to his military responsibilities. Chaplain Roots also served in Kuwait and Iraq, where he anticipates returning soon. You can find *The Modesto Bee* story about Chaplain Roots at <http://www.modbee.com/local/story/8056442p-8917463c.html#>. Additional articles about Chaplain Roots are at: <http://www.freemethodistchurch.org>.

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***"Support the Navy-Marine Corps team
with mission ready units, equipment, and individuals
throughout the full range of operations from peace to war."***

